(b) The State-wise details of the present financial status of individual or groups of units of these industries are not maintained centrally.

(c) and (d) Existing units/self-employment ventures, which were set up with credit from banks but have now become sick, are eligible for rehabilitation assistance available to sick units in the small industries sector, as per the guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). These measures include, *inter alia*, waiver of penal interest on cash credit and term loan from the year the unit started making cash losses, segregation of unpaid interest of cash credit and term loan from the total liability and treating the former amount as a separate interest-free loan, reduced rate of interest (reducion of up to 3 per cent for tiny units) to be charged on unpaid term loans, additional working capital loan to be given at a rate of interest not exceeding the prime lending rate, etc.

Further, based on the "Policy Package for Stepping up credit to Small and Medium Enterprises" announced by the Government in the Parliament on 10 August, 2005, the RBI has issued guidelines on 8 September, 2005 to all public sector banks that evisage debt restructuring mechanism for nursing sick/potentially sick SME units back to health.

**ARI in Tamil Nadu**

3679. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken on the proposals sent by the Tamil Nadu Government seeking inclusion of a few coir, khadi and village industries clusters in the recently launched scheme for funding for regeneration and upgradation of traditional industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) The Khadi and Village Industries Commission and the Coir Board, the nodal agencies for the Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI), have been advised to examine the proposals received from the Government of Tamil Nadu and submit revised proposals in consultation with the State Government.

(c) Does not arise.